



OFFICIAL PROGRAM

**QUIAPO
THANKSGIVING
ACT**



== MAY 13, 1945 ==

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Bilang Paliwanag

Hindi kaila sa lahat ang katampalasan, pagpatay at panununog na ginawa ng mga hapon sa buong siyudad ng Maynila. Libu-libo ang buhay na nautas at angaw-angaw na halaga ang naging abo, bukod pa sa di mahahalagahang mga bagay na makasaysayan na nauwi sa wala. Alalahanin lamang ang mga katampalasanang yaon ay nagdurugo ang ating mga puso at nagpipiglas ang ating mga luha.

Itong Kiapo ay isa, kundi man siyang tanging bayan sa panig na ito, na maluwalhating nakaligtas sa gayong panununog at pananampalasan. Kung ipipiling sa nangyari't nasaksihan sa ibang dako ay masasabing bahagya lamang ang dinanas ng mga taga-Kiapo. Ito'y salamat sa mahimalang pagkandili sa atin ng ating maawain at mapagbiyayang Panginoong Nasarano. Dahil dito ay binalak at isinagawangayon ang isang araw ng Pasasalamat. Kung taimtim sa ating loob ang malinis na pagsampalataya sa Kanya ay nararapat na tayo'y makiisa sa lahat ng gagawin sa Araw na iyan ng Pasasalamat. Ang pagkaligtas ng ating buhay at gayon din ng ating mga ari-arian ay di mababayaran ng salapi. Ipakilala nga natin sa pagkakataong ito ang ating taos na pasasalamat at pagsampalataya.

Umaasa kami na ang Araw na ito ng Pasasalamat ng mga Taga Kiapo ay masusulat sa kasaysayan at harinangang maging isang lubos na pagpapakilala ng utang na loob, una'y sa Mahal na Panginoong Nasarano at ikalawa'y sa hukbong tagapagligtas na nasa ilalim ng matapang at mabisang pamamatnugot ni Heneral Douglas McArthur.

MESSAGE OF HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHIONERS OF QUIAPO.

Our first contacts with our native parish constitute for us a veritable reservoir of holy and happy memories which may easily influence the entire remainder of our lives. This influence is all the more inspiring and wholesome when it emanates from such a holy shrine as the sanctuary of Jesus Nazareno, in the parish church of Quiapo.

Our first visit to parish church is usually to receive baptism, and through this Sacrament, become princes of the Kingdom of Heaven. On that occasion we were adopted as children of God. Then we were not aware of the great change that took place in our souls, nor did we know that we had visited the House of God and the gate of Heaven.

Our first conscious visit to our parish church was probably made under the loving guidance of our dear mother, and we looked at her with reverence and love, as she poured forth her soul to God in supplication for the family which God had confided to her. Later on, we went to the parish church to confess our faults to our good pastor and return to the friendship of Almighty God. What shall we say of that glorious day of our first Holy Communion, when we become incorporated for the first time with our most loving Redeemer and felt so intimately the fulfillment of His promise "He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood abideth in me, and I in him"? And then, later on, the young catholic and his fiancée go to the parish church to receive what St. Paul calls "the great sacrament of matrimony", the foundation of all society, the beginning of this indescribable series of joys which are known as the home life.

These are the delightful spiritual ties which unite our lives with the life of our native parish church and are the cause of the reverence and joy which we, parishioners of Quiapo, feel in the celebration of this act of thanksgiving for the preservation of our homes and persons during the terrible scourge which so recently ravaged this beloved city of Manila.

May the Holy Nazareno and His beloved Mother, the Queen of Peace, offer our thanksgiving to Almighty God and bless and protect our Parish as they have done up to the present.

Manila, April, 13 1945.

ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA

Message of Rt. Rev. Mgr. Vicente Fernandez
Parish Priest of Quiapo

Manila, May 13, 1345

Dear parishioners of Quiapo and pilgrims:

We are celebrating today a glorious event in the history of our Parish, our thanksgiving act to Almighty God. It is inherent to the heart of the Filipino people to give thanks to His Creator, whenever he receives any favor from Him,

On this occasion I do not need to enumerate one by one the favors, benefits, and spiritual graces we have received from God. Recall only on your mind that we have survived from all atrocities and savage vaudalism of a pagan nation, and were saved from the claws of a nation that attempted to annihilate our race torturing it starving and causing a slow but sure death, you will be convinced that the Hand of God is always protecting us from all dangers.

By our liberation made by America with the help of God, we have sufficient reason to thank God and to acknowledge humbly to Him this favor. Our hardships have ended and we are enjoying a new national life.

How can we worthily thank God for so many a favor abundantly poured on us. The only means to thank Him is to go on with our prayers, our Communions and other good works, in a word to be a good practical Catholic.

Mons. VICENTE FERNANDEZ,
Parish Priest of Quiapo, Manila

Message of the Hon. Tomas Confesor, Secretary of the Interior

For the first time in the history of Manila, since January 2, 1942, you, fellow countrymen of Quiapo, are given the opportunity to live in an atmosphere every atom of which carries the spirit of democracy and liberty.

This chance is brought about by the coming of our friends the Americans, under the ablest General of the Army in the Pacific, Douglas McArthur, Liberator of the Philippines.

It is, indeed, to state that the liberation of our City has occasioned cold-blooded massacres and great destruction of property, committed by a savage foe. We are just emerging from a period of black sorrow and chaos. But have faith. As Paul the Apostle said, "The sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us."

God helping, and America extending benevolent hand, I am sure we shall succeed in building, from ashes of the devastation and ruins, a far greater and more beautiful Manila.

TOMAS CONFESOR
Secretary of the Interior

April 10, 1946.

*Message of the Hon. Maximo Kalaw,
Secretary of Public Instruction
and Information*

I have learned that the people of Manila specially those living in Quiapo and surrounding districts are planning a big Thanksgiving celebration dedicated to the Holy Nazareno, Patron Saint of Quiapo, and to the Nuestra Señora de la Paz y Buen Viaje, Patron Saint of the holy Antipolo shrine.

I join our people heart and soul, in their fervent expressions of religious thanksgiving. When one remembers the mass massacres committed by the unbelieving Japanese herder, the nameless crimes perpetuated by them against our women and children and against innocent and defenseless civilians, the horrible tortures and slow death administered without the least mercy upon the unsuspecting, it is surprising that we are still living. It, therefore, behooves us, survivors of the holocaust, to express in a most patent way our thanks and gratitude to HIM who rules human destiny that HE has chosen to spare our lives and to our beloved Patron Saints who steadfastly stood by us in the darkest moments of our sufferings. - MAXIMO M. KALAW

Morning Program

SOLEMN MASS AND GENEL COMMUNION.... 8:00 a. m.

The "Misa Nona" of Dotephen Moreno. O.S.B. will be sung by the members of "Holy Nazarene Youth Choir" and the "Young Artists in Ensemble" with the generous collaboration of several pssors and concert-singers under the direction of Prof. Atio J. Molina. Two additional motets will also be inteted during the Mass In honor of the Holy Nazarene Pa Nolasco Torralba will sing the "Agnus Dei" by Georgezet, and in honor of the Blessed Virgin of Antipolo, Celer Pujante will sing the "Salve Regina" by Marcelo Ad. Both with orchestral accompaniment.

HOLY HOUR AN SOLEMN TE DEUM (3rd. M.)

- I. PRELUDE *Rachmaninoff*
The Young Artists Violin Ensemble
Rosita Molina, at the piano
- II. HYMN: "Legion of Mary" *Rev. Fr. Florencio*
By the Congregation
Soloist: Norma Ongpin
Crisanta Santos, at the Piano
- III. HOLY ROSARY
- IV. "THE POWER OF PRAYER"
Rev. Fr. Francis Cosgrave, C.S.S.R.
Superior of the Redemptorists
- V. HAIL! JESUS HAIL! *Molina*
The Holy Nazarene Youth Choir
Solist: Rosie Farol
- VI. "PASIONARIAS Y ROSAS DE PAZ"
Rev. Martin Legarra, O.R.S.A.
Provincial Secretary of Recoletos

- VII. AVE. MARIA *Santiago*
The "Holy Nazarene Youth Choir"
Solist: Herminia Ocampo
Lourdes Ocampo at the piano
Director: Antonio J. Molina
- VIII "ANG PRINSIPE NG KAPAYAPAAN AT ANG BIRHEN SA ANTIFOLO"
Rt. Rev. Mgr. Vicente Fernandez
Parish Priest of Quiapo
- IX. PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE
- X. SOLEMN TE DEUM
Presided by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Vicente Fernandez
Parish Priest of Quiapo, Deacon: Rev F. Arsenio
Pineda, and Sub-Deacon: Rev. Fr. Teodoro Garcia
Hymns: O Salutaris ana Tantum Ergo
- XI. BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- XII. HYMN: "FOR CHRIST THE KING"
By the Congregation

Procession 5:00 p. m.

The images of the Holy Nazarene and that of the Blessed Virgin of Antipolo will brought out in procession through-out the streets of Quiapo immediately after the Holy Hour.

*Message of Major General Basilio J. Valdez
on the Occasion of the Thanksgiving
Mass to be held at Quiapo Church
on May 13, 1945*

I am happy to join the organizers of the Thanksgiving Mass to be celebrated at Quiapo Church on May 13, 1945, in their prayers of thanks to the Almighty for having saved us from the wholesale massacre carried out by Japanese soldiers in the battle of Manila, and for having liberated the country from the clutches of that pagan herds.

I know that every Filipino never lost faith in the wisdom and justice of God, Let us continue to pray fervently for an early victory and the complete destruction of the enemy's war machine. Let us continue to ask God to bless this country with a prompt return to normalcy and happiness.

Mensaje del Hon. Sotero B. Cabahug, Secretario de Obras Publicas y Comunicaciones

La tierra en que los hombres vivimos es una insignificante partícula en la inmensidad del universo creado por Dios. El poder del Creador es tan grande e ilimitado que ni el cataclismo mas formidable, que destruye y mata, puede ocurrir, ni puede estremecerse la mas sutil onda embriagadora de Perfume, que deleita el alma, sin el placer de Su soberana voluntad. La presente guerra global, que esta sembrando muerte y desolacion por doquier, acaso es solo una de las ordenaciones de Su inescrutable designio para castigar la altivez y la avaricia, el odio mutuo y el indiferentismo religioso de los hombres.

Al dar hoy las gracias al Supremo Hacedor por habernos conservado la vida en medio de un pielago de sangre y por haber liberado a nuestro pais de las atrocidades sin cuento, roguemos por el descanso eterno de los soldados libertadores—filipinos, americanos o extranjeros—que generosamente inmolaron sus vidas por librarnos de las garras del militarismo japonés, y practiquemos la humildad, cordura, fraternidad y fe predicadas por el NAZARENO y santificadas con Su pasion y muerte. Y para que pronto puedan surgir, sobre las ruinas aun humeantes de nuestras ciudades y poblaciones arrasadas, hermosas edificaciones que sean dignos monumentos de nuestra cultura y civilización, procuremos unificarnos para que juntos podamos emprender nuestra magna obra de reconstruccion y rehabilitacion. "GLORIA A DIOS EN LAS ALTURAS, PAZ EN LA TIERRA A LOS HOMBRES DE BUENA VOLUNTAD", debe ser nuestro lema en estos dificiles y azarosos dias de la vida nacional.

SOTERO B. CABAHUG

Message of the Hon. Delfin Jaranilla Secretary of Justice

Whatever we had gone through during the darkest days of our redemption or liberation was a reminder of the Spirit of God. No one can say that God, Our Lord, was not our merciful Saviour, as no one else could have saved us from the deadly whistling bullets and shrapnels coming from various directions. God, our Creator, is the giver of irresistible strength and King of irresistible power. He held in check the power of the enemy and had overcome him, who was fiercely going about worse than a roaring beast. We must not forget Him and be thankful to Him; and we must pray and beseech our Lord specially in the hours of danger and in the most trying condition.

DELFIN JARANILLA

Message of the Hon. Tomas Cabili, Secretary of National Defense

I am thrilled at the opportunity of taking a humble part in this beautiful act of Thanksgiving which you are observing today.

This congregation, wherein Filipinos from all walks of life take part, imbued with deep religious fervor, bespeaks the true character of our people, the only Christian nation in the Orient. One of the outstanding traits of our people is gratitude. A common trait is grateful to the end of his life for a favor received and he shows it continuously in various ways. That is practically a tradition among our common people in the fields and in the barrios, and it is a beautiful one.

We have been bountifully blessed compared to other nations. The ravages of war in the Philippines while tremendous are small when we contemplate of the peace and freedom we now enjoy.

Let our hearts and souls turn to God Who is the fountain of all blessings and entreat Him to continue to extend to us His protecting wings.

(Sgd.) TOMAS L. CABILI
Secretary

Message of the Hon. Ismael Mathay
Secretary of Finance

April 8, 1945

Dear Prof. Teodoro:

Pursuant to your request, I am giving the following statement in connection with the QUIAPO THANKSGIVING ACT to be held on May 13, 1945:

In God we find refuge and strength during our hours of distress. For the deliverance of our country and ourselves from the enemy, we should forever be thankful to Him. We shall always look upon Our Lord, Jesus Christ, for guidance so that we may have eternal peace and happiness in this world after victory is won. We should implore Divine Providence to make us realize the nothingness of this world and the greatness of Heaven. Our watchword shall over be: "ALL FOR GREATER GLORY OF GOD!"

Sincerely yours.

ISMAEL MATHAY

Prof. Jose Teodoro
Manila

The Holy Nazarene Youth Choir

MEMBERS

Horacio Borja, Felicitas Intengan, Trauquilino S. Mabutas, Victorina Vicente, Anunciacion Avellanosa, Hendeina Avellanosa, Crisanta Santos, Teresita Elizaga, Vida Gratela, Laura Buenafe, Aurita R. Maliksi, Nati Urgino., Rene Espinosa, Agudo, Feliberta Santos, Maria Corazon Salcedo Lydia Intengan, Carmen Ignacio, Emma Ignacio, Rizalina Sanchez, Paulita Santos Fortunata San-ahiez, Gayina Santos, Priscila Intengan, Gloria Urgino, Julita Gatchalian, Rosita Molina, Eliseo C. Espiritu, Benjamin Espinosa, Luz Meudoza, Elvira Bunag, Narcisa M. Cortes, Remedios Javier, Ignacio, Flondorena, Ramon Santos, Andres Narvasa, Mario Silva, Francisco Prieto, Buenaventura Silva., Isidro Prieto, Apolonio Abola, Alfonso Morales, Antonio Tapia, Rosalio de Guila-Natividad Vicente, Celsa Ambrosio, Lourdes F. Olivares, Ramona S. Mabutas, Florient Dizon.

GUEST MEMBERS

Rosie Farol, Cristeta Rivera, Fely Sansaingco, Natividad Ibasco, Basilisa Tabasa Dativa Ceniza, Remedios, Livioko, Aguedo L. Tique, Crisolito Pascual, Celerina Pujante, Herminia Ocampo, Lourdes Ocampo., Angelo C Roldan, Lourdes Constantino, Bonifacio Viilanueva, Guillermo Chavez Victoria Opus, Lydia Centeno,

GUEST ARTISTS

Elisa Maffei de Lopez Luna, Pacita Nolasco Toralba, Nena Ocampo Arellano, Norma Ongpin, Gregorio Lopez Luna, Salvacion Opus Iniguez Jose Mossesgeld Santiago, Luisa Tapales Gonzales Angela Gonzaga, Lourdes Corrales de Razon.

THE YOUNG ARTISTS VIOLIN ENSEMBLE

MEMBERS

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GUEST MEMBERS

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